

BEFORE I WAS A MOTHER

Before I was a Mother -
I slept as late as I
wanted and never worried about how late I
got into bed. I brushed my
hair and my teeth everyday.

Before I was a Mother -
I cleaned my house each
day.
I never tripped over toys
or forgot words to a lullaby.
I didn't worry whether or
not my plants were poisonous.
I never thought about
immunizations.

Before I was a Mother -
I had never been puked on.

Pooped on.
Spit on.
Chewed on.
Peed on.
I had complete control of
my mind and my thoughts.
I slept all night.

Before I was a Mother -
I never held down a
screaming child So that doctors could do tests.
Or give shots.
I never looked into teary
eyes and cried.
I never got gloriously
happy over a simple grin.
I never sat up late hours
at night watching a baby sleep.

Before I was a Mother -
I never held a sleeping
baby just because I didn't want to put
it down.
I never felt my heart
break into a million pieces when I
couldn't stop the hurt.
I never knew that
something so small could affect my life so
much.
I never knew that I could
love someone so much.
I never knew I would love
being a Mother.

Before I was a Mother -
I didn't know the feeling
of having my heart outside my body.
I didn't know how special
it could feel to feed a hungry baby.
I didn't know that bond
between a mother and her child.
I didn't know that
something so small could make me feel so
important and happy.

Before I was a Mother -
I had never gotten up in
the middle of the night every 10
minutes to make sure all
was okay.
I had never known the
warmth,
The joy,
The love,
The heartache,
The wonderment or the
satisfaction of being a Mother.
I didn't know I was
capable of feeling so much before I was a
Mother.

Send this to someone whom
you think is a special Mother or Grandmother.
I just did. And remember
that behind every successful mother.....
is a basket of dirty
laundry.